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(*d*) if so, the decisions taken by Government in respect of the above?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) & (*c*) There was no formal offer, Sir, on that occasion.

" (*d*) Does not arise. I may, however, add that the Government of India were requested to give a special grant to enable the State Government to take up the three bridges and they have agreed to meet the full cost of the works subject to maxima of Rs. 11 lakhs for the Pavanji bridge, Rs. 11·70 lakhs for the Mulki bridge and Rs. 15·60 lakhs for the Udayavar bridge. They have also stipulated that the works should not be commenced without their technical approval and financial sanction of the detailed estimates. The Chief Engineer has been asked to send the detailed estimates and plans."

Sithayancottai Water-supply Scheme for Dindigul.

* 1330 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY (on behalf of Sri V. Madanagopal) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Dindigul Municipal Council have sought financial help from the Government for the Sithayancottai Water-supply Scheme for Dindigul; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The plans and estimates for the scheme are now under preparation and after they are ready, the question of financing the scheme will be considered."

Raising of State loans for financing development schemes.

* 1331 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government recently sought information from the Government of India as to how the programme of the State for raising loans for its own development plans was to be fitted in with the National Loans?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. The position is that the National Plan Loan has been issued for financing the development schemes of India as a whole, and the Government of India have agreed to make available to this Government adequate sums for financing the capital expenditure included in the State Plan. There will, therefore, be no separate issue of the Madras Loan in this year."